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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:  
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REAGENT LOADING SYSTEM

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Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Rule 136, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a one month extension of time extending to December 29, 2000, the period for response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2000. A check for \$110.00 and the responsive paper(s) are attached.

Please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3975. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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